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The scientific work of the institute is headed by Petrov, deputy director for scientific affairs. However, he is not much concerned with the organization of creative scientific work in the institute.

The associates of the institute have done little to improve their scientific qualifications. During the 8-year period since the formation of the institute, not one of the associates has defended a dissertation for the degree of candidate of technical sciences. Out of 16 junior scientific associates, only three are preparing for an examination to meet the minimum requirements of a candidate. The remaining workers have made no effort to improve their scientific knowledge. An important part in the work of the institute belongs to doctors of technical sciences E. Kh. Odel'skiy and M. A. Bezborodov. However, they too give little attention and assistance to the institute.

A great part of the blame for the unsatisfactory work of the institute is laid on the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR. Supervisory workers of the institute obviously do not realize the significance of the institute in the development of such an important branch of industry as the production of construction materials. As a result, the ministry not only failed to expand the personnel of the institute, but, on the contrary, for the past 2 years it has reduced the number of its workers, including three candidates of technical sciences.

The ministry has also failed to supply the institute with the necessary equipment and measuring instruments. The reports of the institute on its activities have not been discussed by the Technical Council of the ministry and its workers are often not even aware of what the institute is doing. This situation cannot be allowed to continue.

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